

# Cyber-Physical Systems

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Lecture 1: Introduction and Course Logistic

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# Course Logistics

**Room:** aula TB Fisica tecnica - ed. C5

## **Timing**

- Monday 17:00-18:30
- Wednesday 13:15-14:00 (13:30-15:00)
- Friday 12:00-13:30
- Some seminars

## **Course Website**

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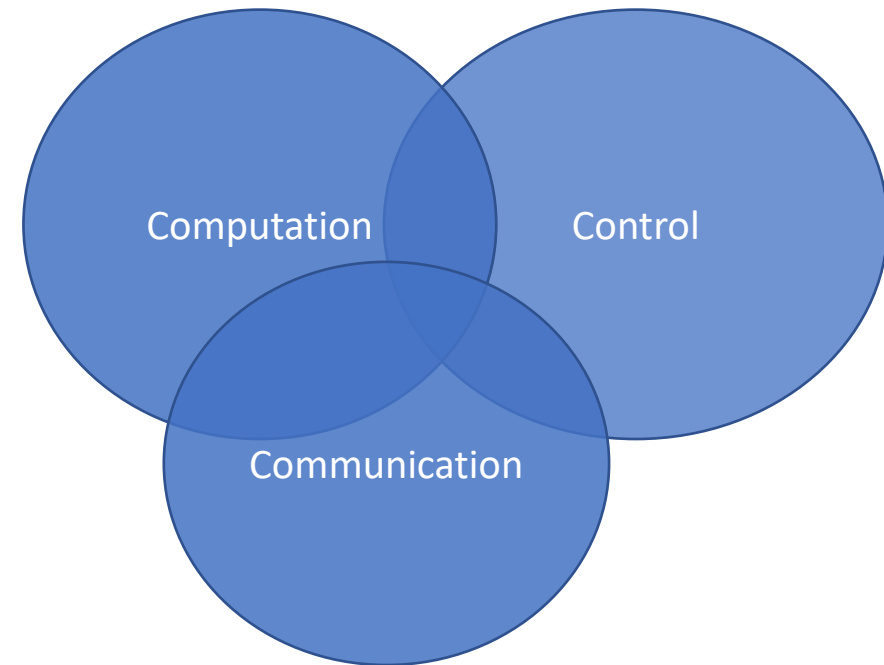
Teams

# What is a Cyber-Physical System?

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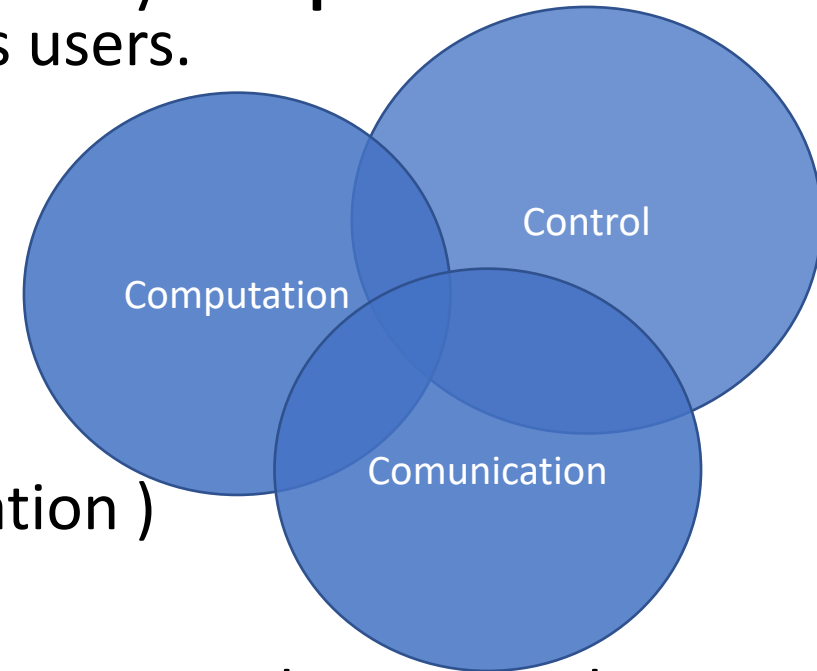
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Coined in 2006 by Helen Gill (National Science Foundation )

The important part in CPS is the conjunction/intersection between the computing part and physical dynamics



# What is a Cyber-Physical System?

In cyber-physical systems, physical and software components are:

- **deeply intertwined**
- each operating on **different spatial and temporal scale**
- exhibiting **multiple and distinct behavioral modalities**
- interacting with each **other in a lot of ways** that change with context.

CPS combines elements of cybernetics, mechatronics, control theory, process science, embedded systems, distributed control, and more recently communication.

# Is the Field of Cyber-Physical Systems New?

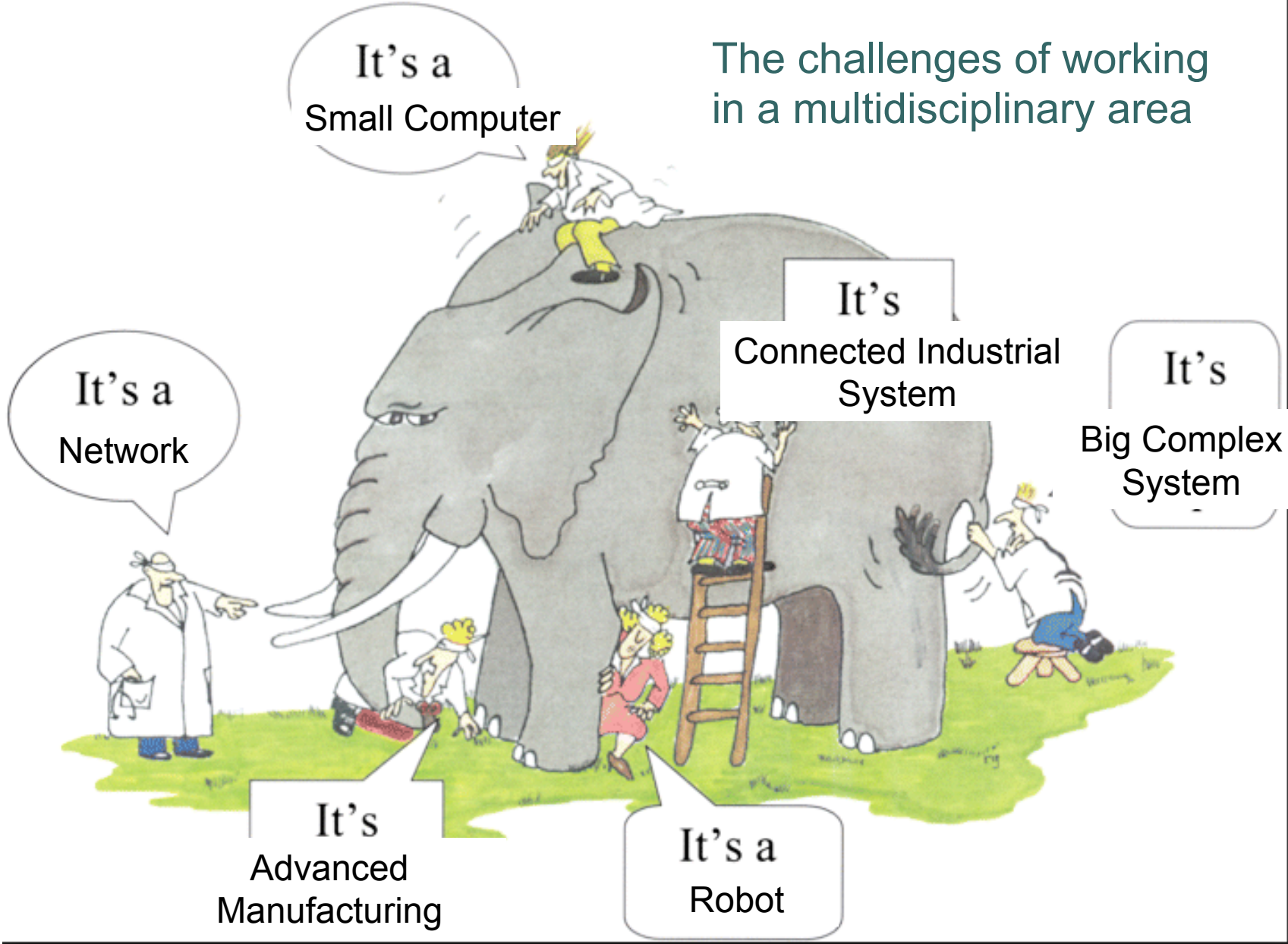
- **Hybrid Systems:** are a mathematical abstraction, CPS are real-world objects.
- **Embedded Systems:** are computational system embedded in a physical system. Any CPS contains an embedded system.
- **Real-time Systems:** must respond to external changes within certain timing constraints. Control systems can have or not real-time constraints.
- Other related disciplines: reliability, multi-agent system, mechatronics, control theory, robotics, Internet of Things (IoT).

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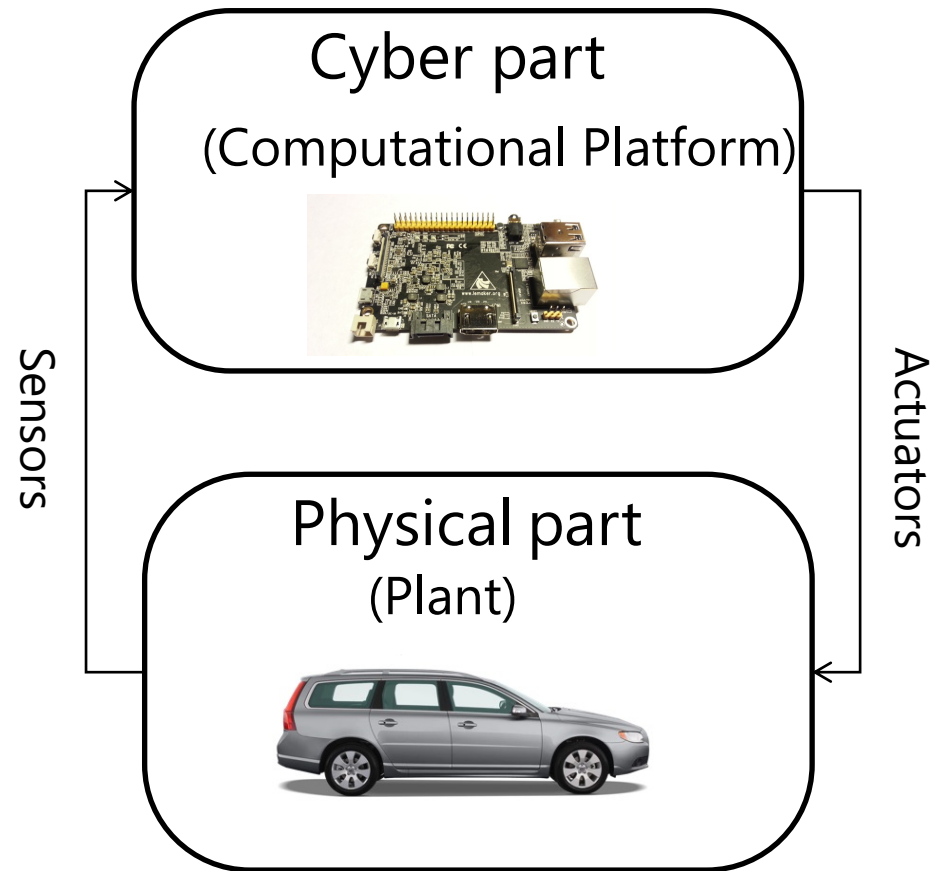




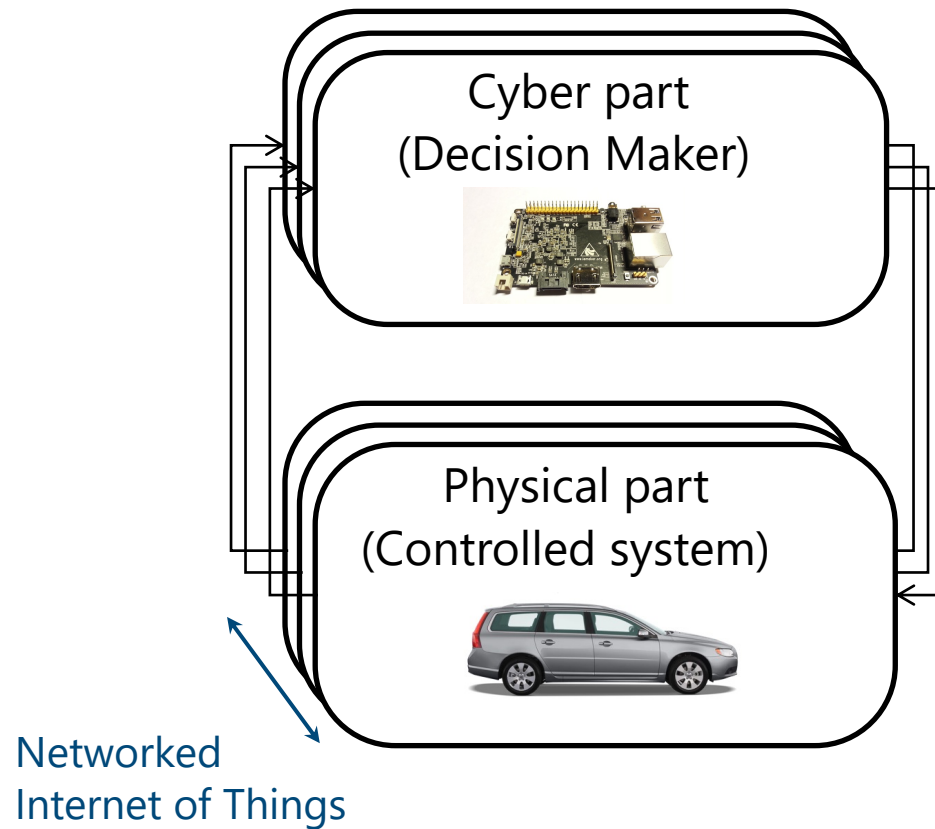
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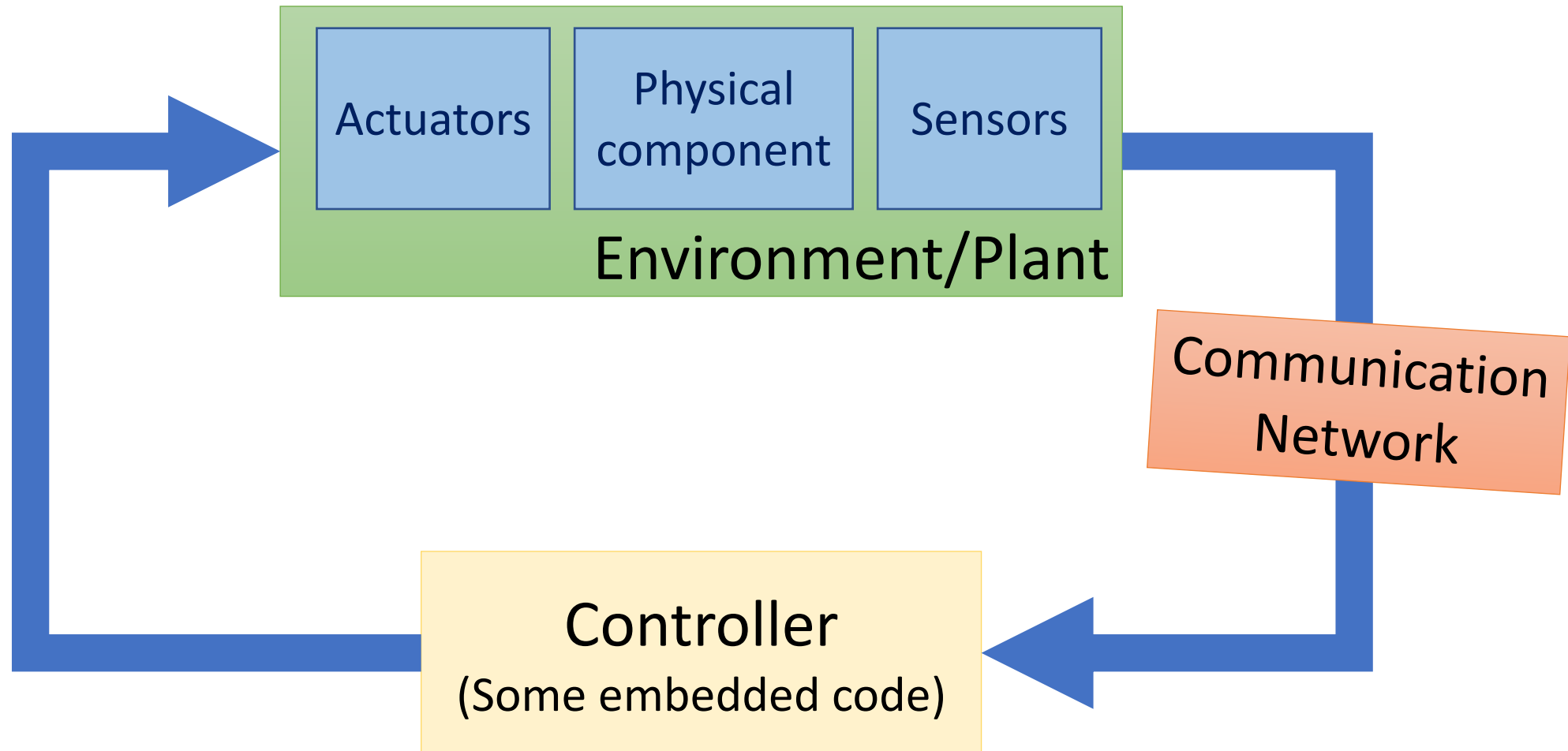
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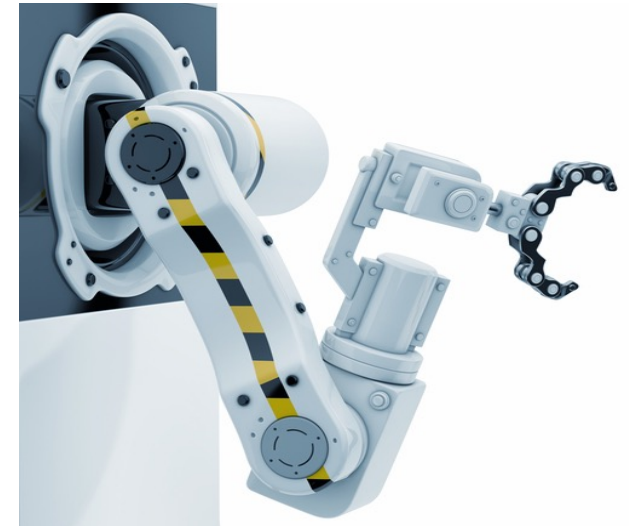
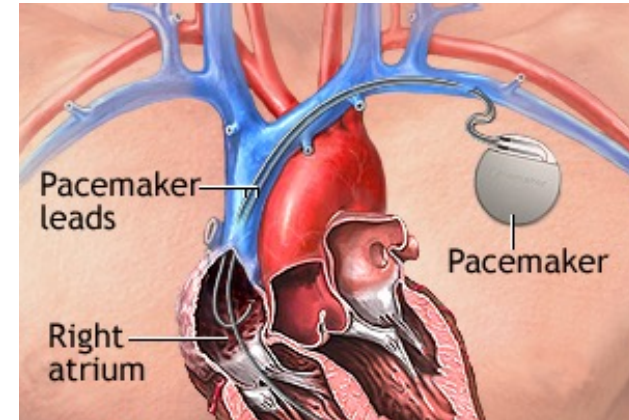
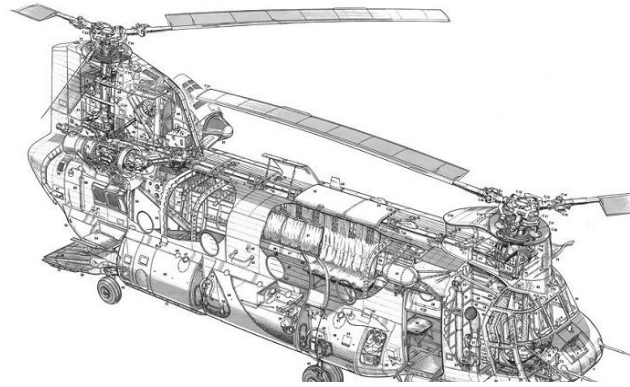
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# Our view of a CPS

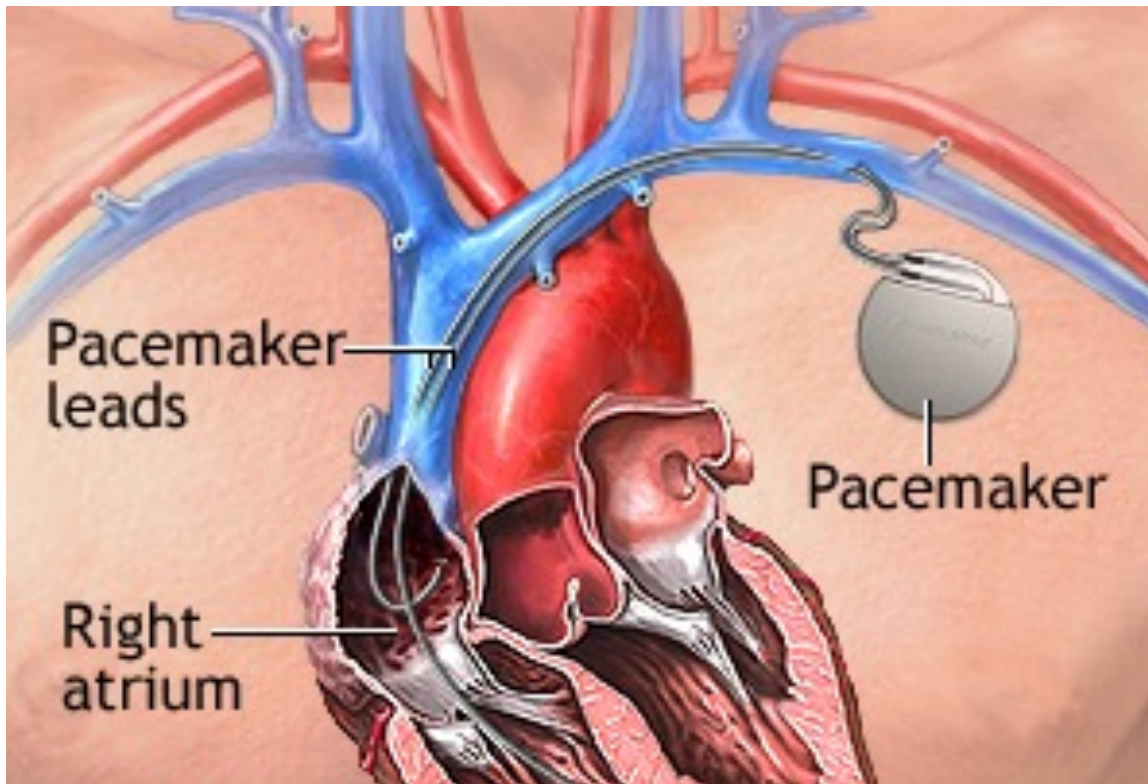


# Examples



[All images from Google image search]

# Medical Device



# Transportation CPS

Everything that moves will become autonomous



# Energy





# And many other applications...

- Robotics
- Critical Infrastructures
- Industrial Control
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture

# Autonomous CPS

- Autonomous: without the need for human intervention or control
- Autonomous CPS = CPS with no human operator!
- Semi-autonomous: CPS with autonomy under specific conditions but requiring a human operator otherwise.
- Today, several CPS examples are semi-autonomous, and getting to fully autonomous

# Are we safe ?

The Washington Post  
Democracy Dies in Darkness

Tech Help Desk Artificial Intelligence Internet Culture Space Tech Policy

## 17 fatalities, 736 crashes: The shocking toll of Tesla's Autopilot

Tesla's driver-assistance system, known as Autopilot, has been involved in far more crashes than previously reported.

By Faiz Siddiqui and Jeremy B. Merrill

June 10, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. EDT

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## Cruise faces backlash after self-driving car appears to block crews responding to SF's Mission District shooting

By NBC Bay Area staff • Published June 10, 2023 • Updated on June 10, 2023 at 6:05 pm



## Self-driving Uber car that hit and killed woman did not recognize that pedestrians jaywalk

The automated car lacked "the capability to classify an object as a pedestrian unless that object was near a crosswalk," an NTSB report said.

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## Software-Related Recalls of Health Information Technology and Other Medical Devices: Implications for FDA Regulation of Digital Health

JAY G. RONQUILLO<sup>1,2</sup> and DIANA M. ZUCKERMAN<sup>2</sup>

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## NHTSA Finds Teslas Deactivated Autopilot Seconds Before Crashes

The finding is raising more questions than answers, but don't jump to any conclusions yet.

Alexander Stoklosa - Writer Getty Images - Photographer | Jun 15, 2022

## Bell APT Autonomous Cargo Drone Crashes in Texas

A Bell APT 70 UAV cargo drone being developed for civil and military missions crashed during flight testing last week in Texas.

ACPS are safety-critical, and/or mission-critical with huge implications on human health, well-being, economy, etc.

# Some tragic accidents

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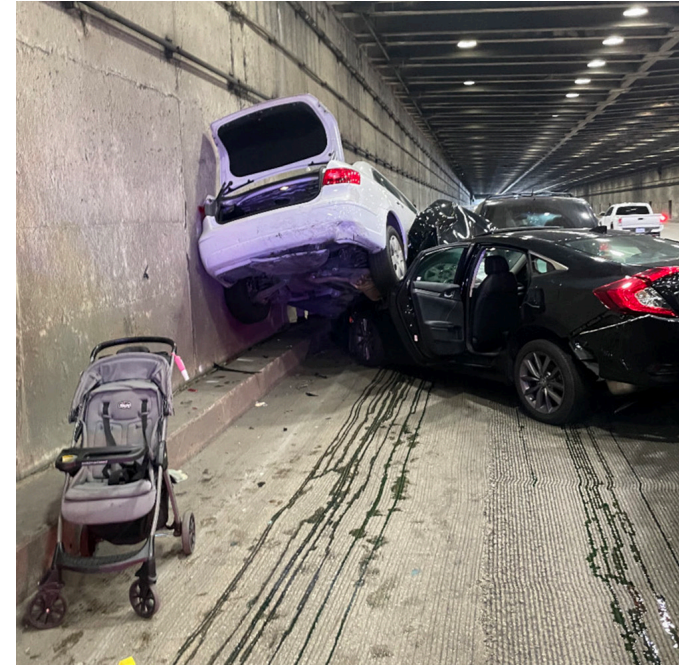


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## EXCLUSIVE: SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE OF TESLA CRASH ON SF'S BAY BRIDGE HOURS AFTER ELON MUSK ANNOUNCES "SELF-DRIVING" FEATURE



Highway surveillance footage from **November 24** shows a Tesla Model S vehicle changing lanes and then abruptly braking in the far-left lane of the San Francisco Bay Bridge, resulting in an eight-vehicle crash.

<https://theintercept.com/2023/01/10/tesla-crash-footage-autopilot/>

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Musk said that "Full Self-Driving" was an "essential" feature for Tesla to develop, going as far as saying, "It's really the difference between Tesla being worth a lot of money or worth basically zero."

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# Are we safe ?



by **Tara Seals**

May 4, 2018 , 3:27 pm

About 350,000 implantable defibrillators are up for a firmware update, to address potentially life-threatening vulnerabilities.

Abbott (formerly St. Jude Medical) has released another upgrade to the firmware installed on certain implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD) or cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillator (CRT-D) devices. The update will strengthen the devices' protection against unauthorized access, as the provider said in a [statement](#) on its website: "It is intended to prevent anyone other than your doctor from changing your device settings."

The patch is part a planned series of updates that began with pacemakers, programmers and remote monitoring systems in 2017, following 2016 claims by researchers that the then-St. Jude's cardiac implant ecosystem was rife with cybersecurity flaws that [could result in "catastrophic results."](#)

<https://threatpost.com/abbott-addresses-life-threatening-flaw-in-a-half-million-pacemakers/131709/>

## Vehicle safety notices - Prestige models among cars recalled in April

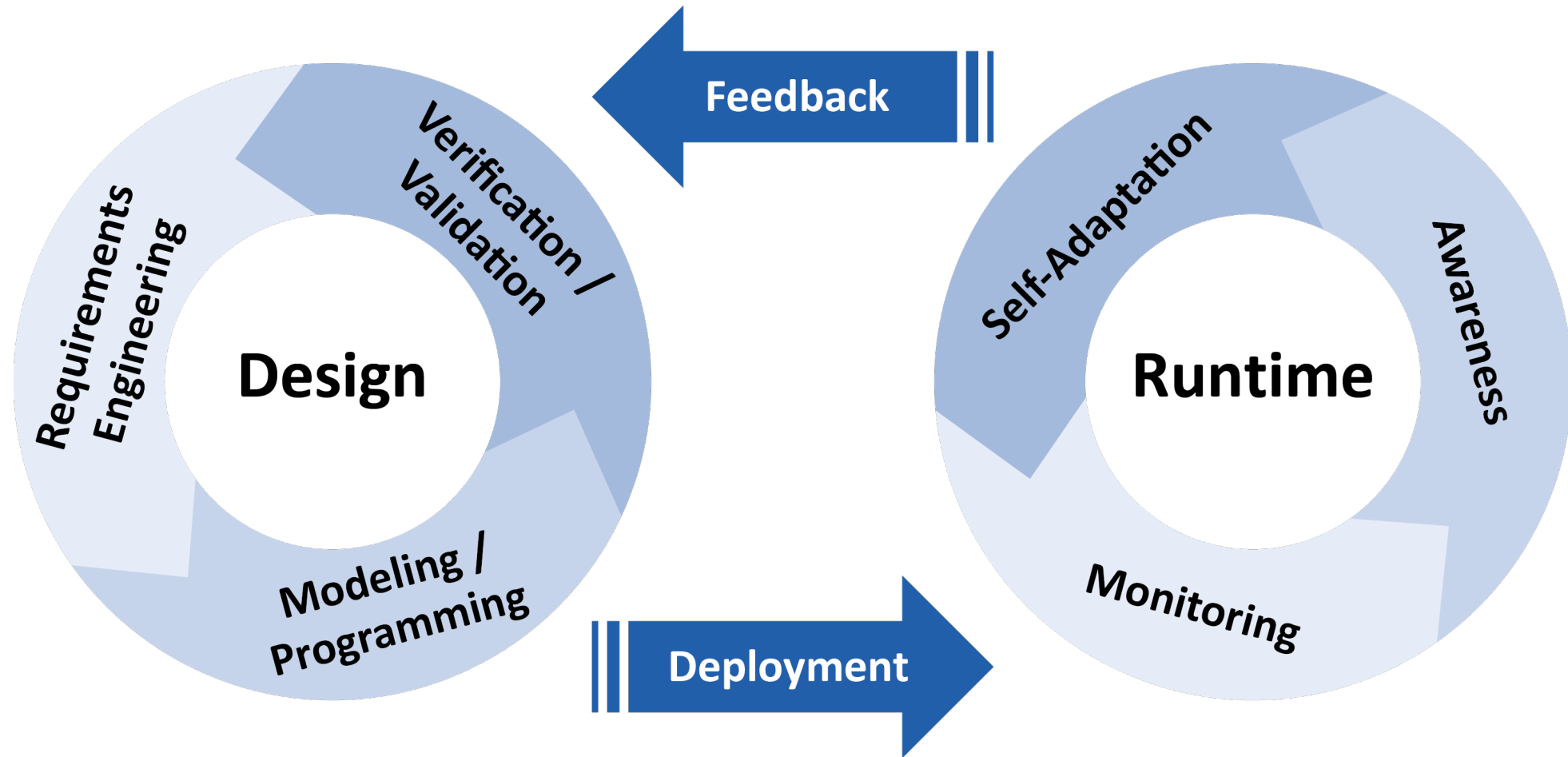


A number of Britain's biggest car makers issued vehicle safety recalls in the last month, covering issues from minor missing pieces of trim to engine and steering failure.

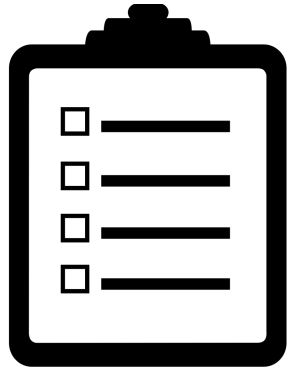
Audi, BMW, Lexus, Porsche and Hyundai were among manufacturers to issue mandatory recalls for their cars.

<https://inews.co.uk/essentials/lifestyle/cars/car-news/vehicle-safety-recalls-notices-prestige-cars-recalled-april/>

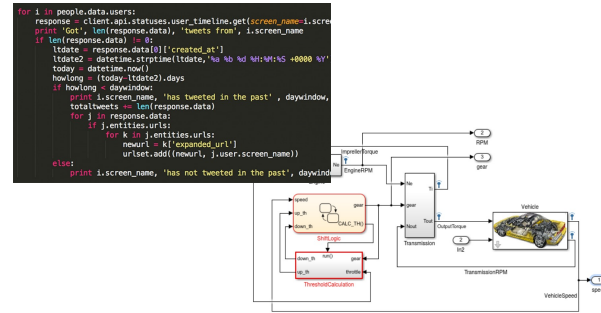
# Rigorous Engineering of CPS



# Model-Based Design



Requirement Definition



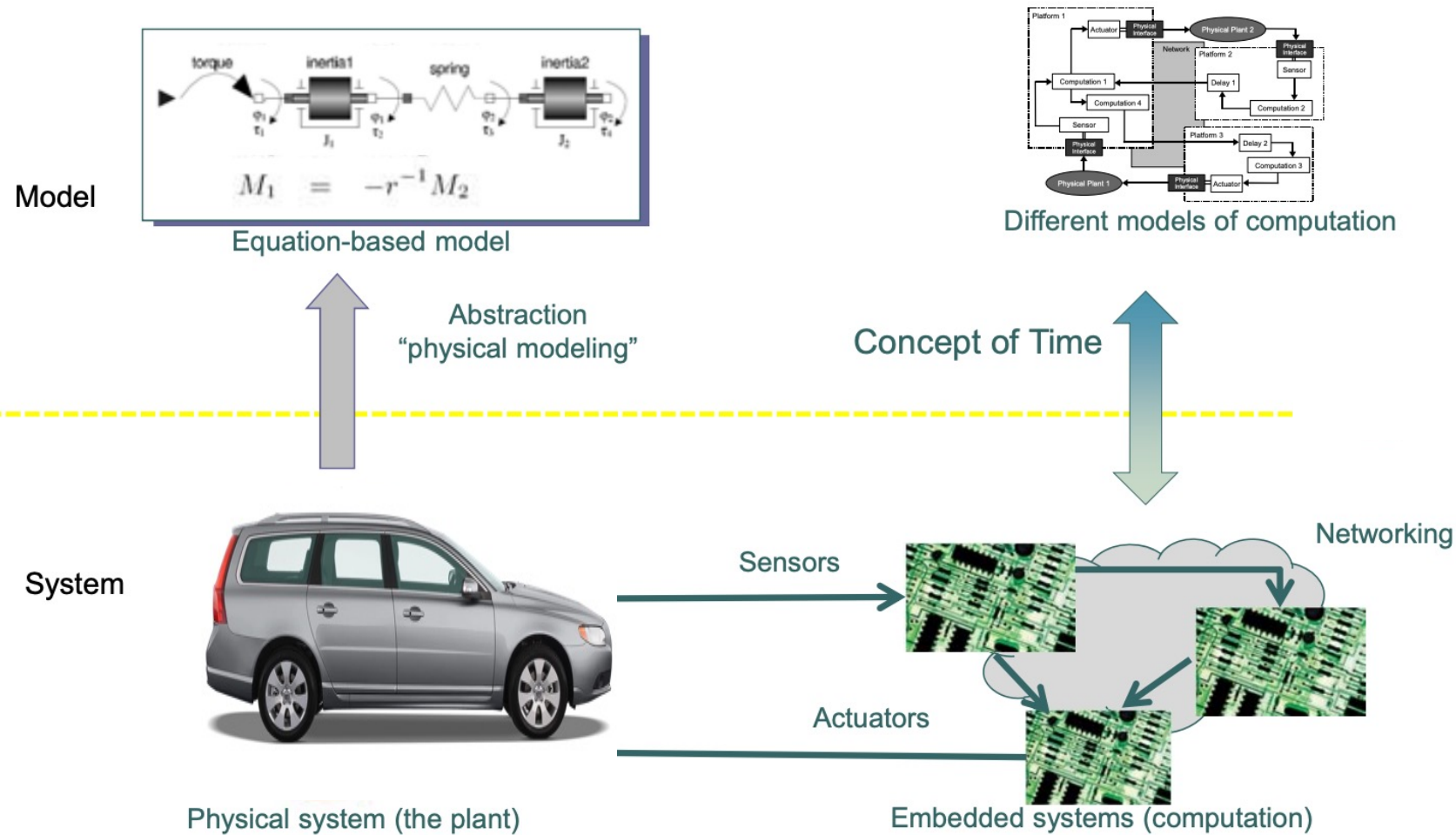
Design/Implementation



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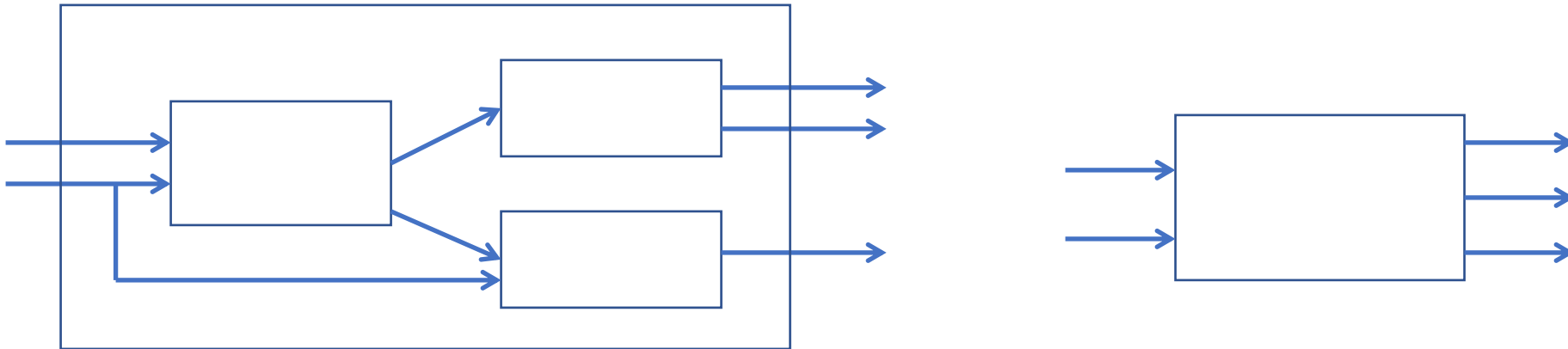


# Model-based Design Approach



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- MBD when used for designing embedded software<sup>1</sup> has 4 main steps
  1. Model the physical components/environment (also known as a plant model)
  2. Analyze the plant, and synthesize/design the control-software at a high-level
  3. Co-Simulate the plant and control-software
  4. Automatically generate code from the control-software model for deployment
- MBD languages are often visual and block-diagram based, e.g. Simulink

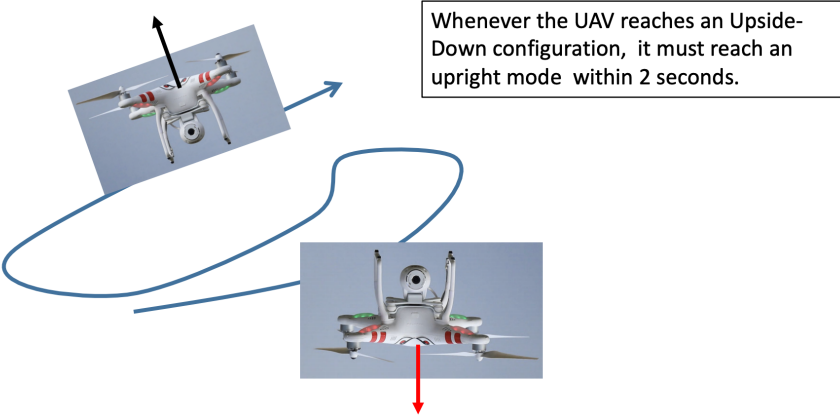
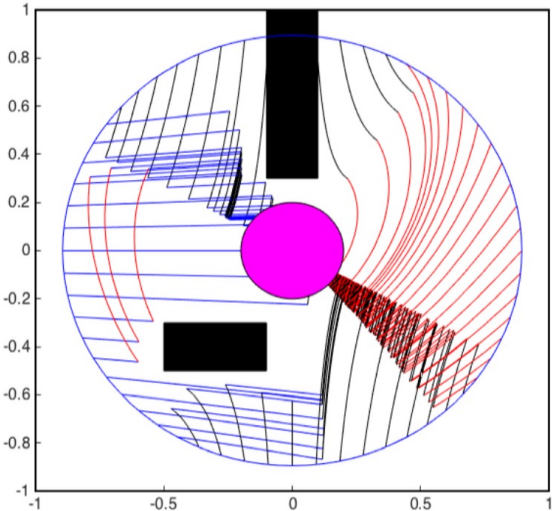
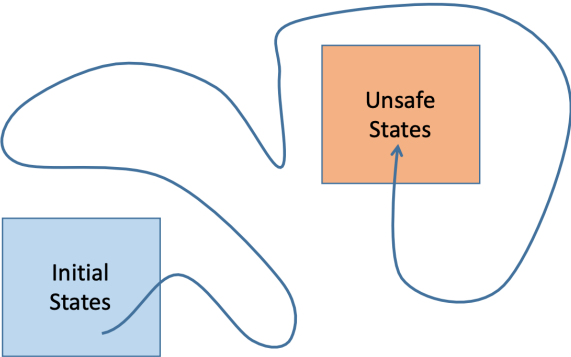


[1] Nicolescu, Gabriela; Mosterman, Pieter J., eds. (2010). Model-Based Design for Embedded Systems. Computational Analysis, Synthesis, and Design of Dynamic Systems. 1. Boca Raton: CRC Press.

# Stability

## Real-Time Temporal Properties

## Reachability



# Formal Reasoning

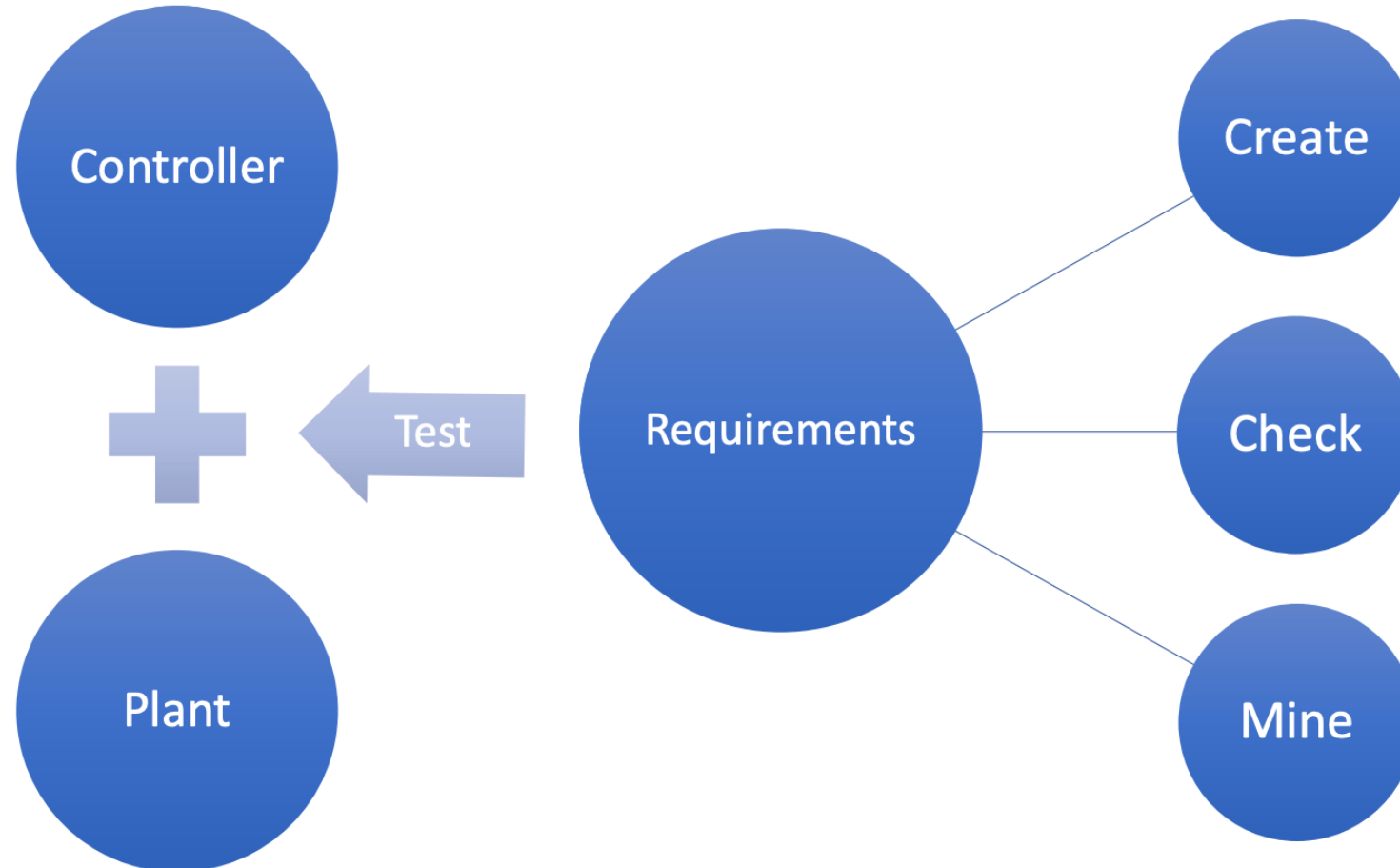
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# Formal Methods

Mathematical, Algorithmic techniques for modeling, design, analysis

- **Specification:** WHAT the system must/must not do
- **Verification:** WHY it meets the spec (or not)
- **Synthesis:** HOW it meets the spec (correct-by-construction design)

# Requirement-Driven Design



Requirements formally capture what it means for a system to operate correctly in its operating environment

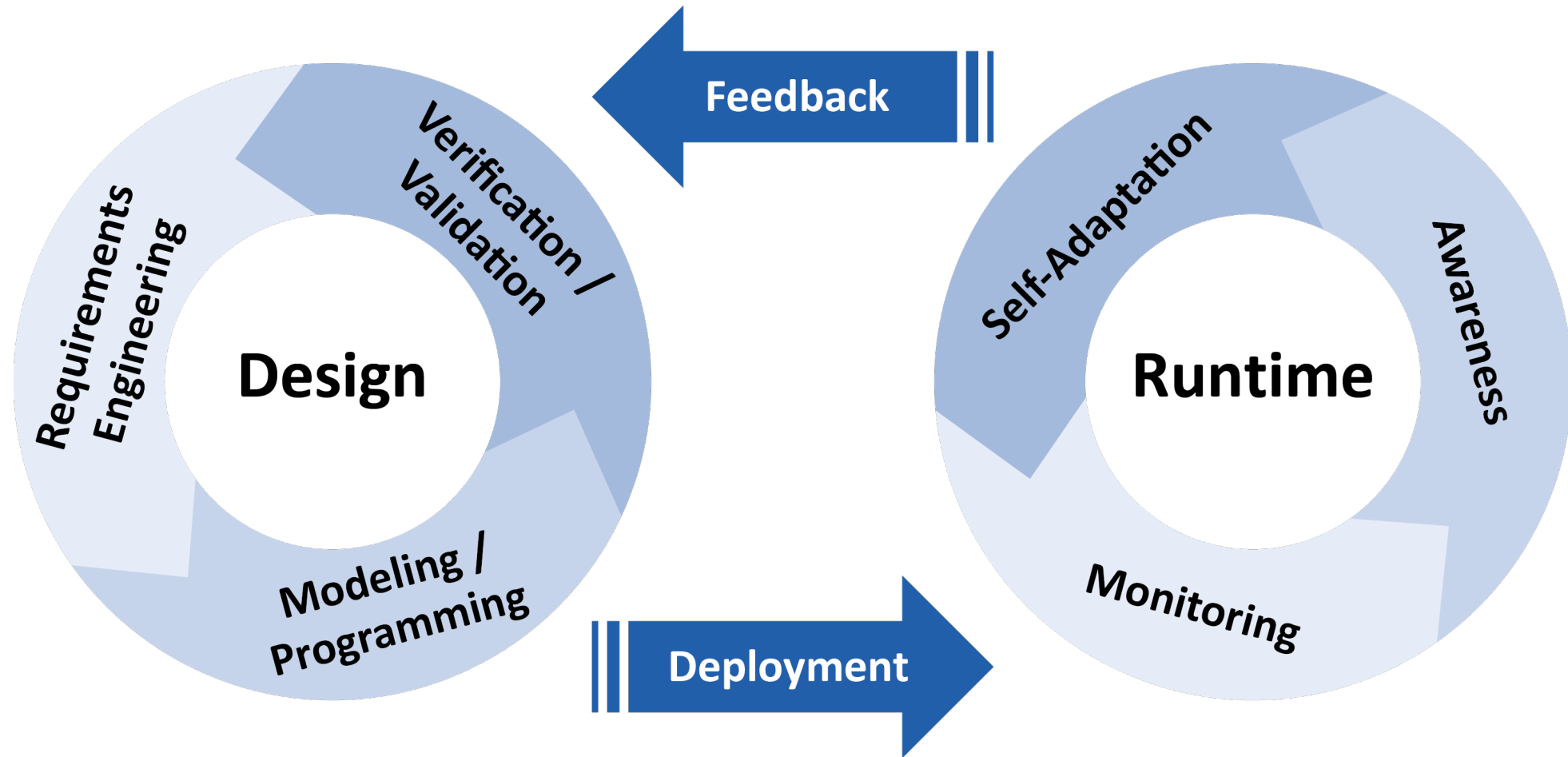
# Requirement-Driven Design

Exhaustive verification of CPS is increasingly intractable:

- Openness, environmental change
- Uncertainty, spatial distribution
- Emergent behaviors resulting from the local interactions are not predictable by the analysis of system's individual parts
- Classic state-space explosion problem

How to ensure safety-critical requirements in CPS ?

# Rigorous Engineering of CPS



# Course Overview

1. Intro to CPS and application domains with example (e.g. Medical CPS, energy CPS, transportation CPS)
2. **Modeling formalism:** ODE systems, Synchronous & Asynchronous Models, Timed Automata, hybrid and switching systems, Basics of Control
3. **Safety:** temporal logic and automata, Monitoring Test Generation, Falsification
4. **Ingredients of Autonomy** for CPS: planning, decision-making, reinforcement learning



# Course Objectives

- Gain familiarity with CPS topics  
Challenge Problems/Case studies
- “Model-Based” Software Development Paradigm for CPS  
Developing models for physical components + software (+ communication)
- Writing checkable requirements and tests

# Grading

Project (teams of 1-2) with a practice development of a CPS application, verification of formal requirements and falsification or test generation experiments

You can use:

- Matlab/Simulink (simulation) or
- Python or Java if that is the preferred language (it will require additional work for handling requirements but we can help you!) or
- Hypro (Toolbox for the Reachability Analysis of Hybrid Systems )
- Open to other software solution

Report of the Project (no more than 5 pages)

Oral exam with presentation of the Project + general questions on the topics of the course

# Example Projects

1. Vehicle model and controller to automatically change lanes
2. Explore multi-vehicle simulators for collaborative merging, autonomous intersection control
3. Pedestrian/bicycle detection and avoidance
4. Traffic simulator for vehicle platooning
5. Create a model of the human heart and design a pacemaker
6. Create a blood-glucose dynamics model and design an automatic insulin infusion pump
7. Train a ground robot that uses LIDAR/Cameras and train it using reinforcement learning

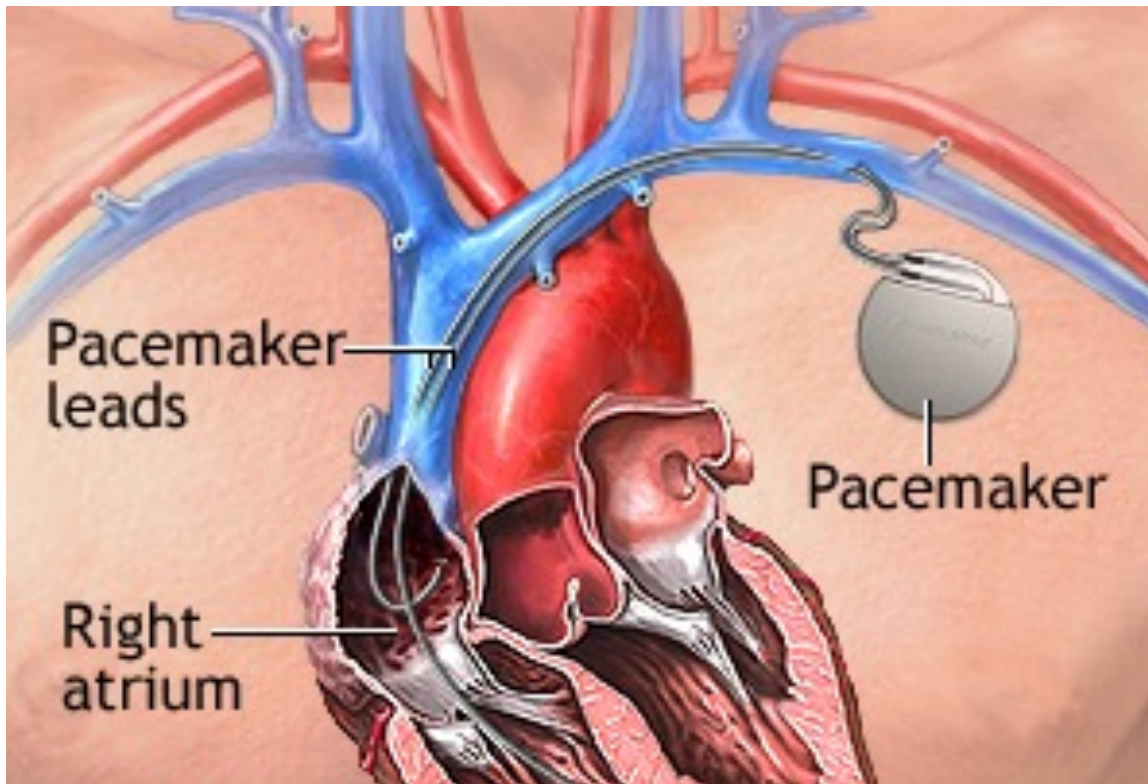
# Books (they can just help you)

- Principles of Cyber-Physical Systems, Rajeev Alur, MIT Press, 2015  
<https://www.biblio.units.it/SebinaOpac/resource/principles-of-cyberphysical-systems/TSA3289844?tabDoc=tabloceb>
- Introduction to Embedded Systems: A CPS approach  
Free at: <https://ptolemy.berkeley.edu/books/leeseshia/>  
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- Principle of Model Checking, Baier, Katoen, MIT Press, 2008
- Reinforcement Learning, An Introduction, RS Sutton, AG Barton, Cambridge, 2011

Questions?

# Medical Device

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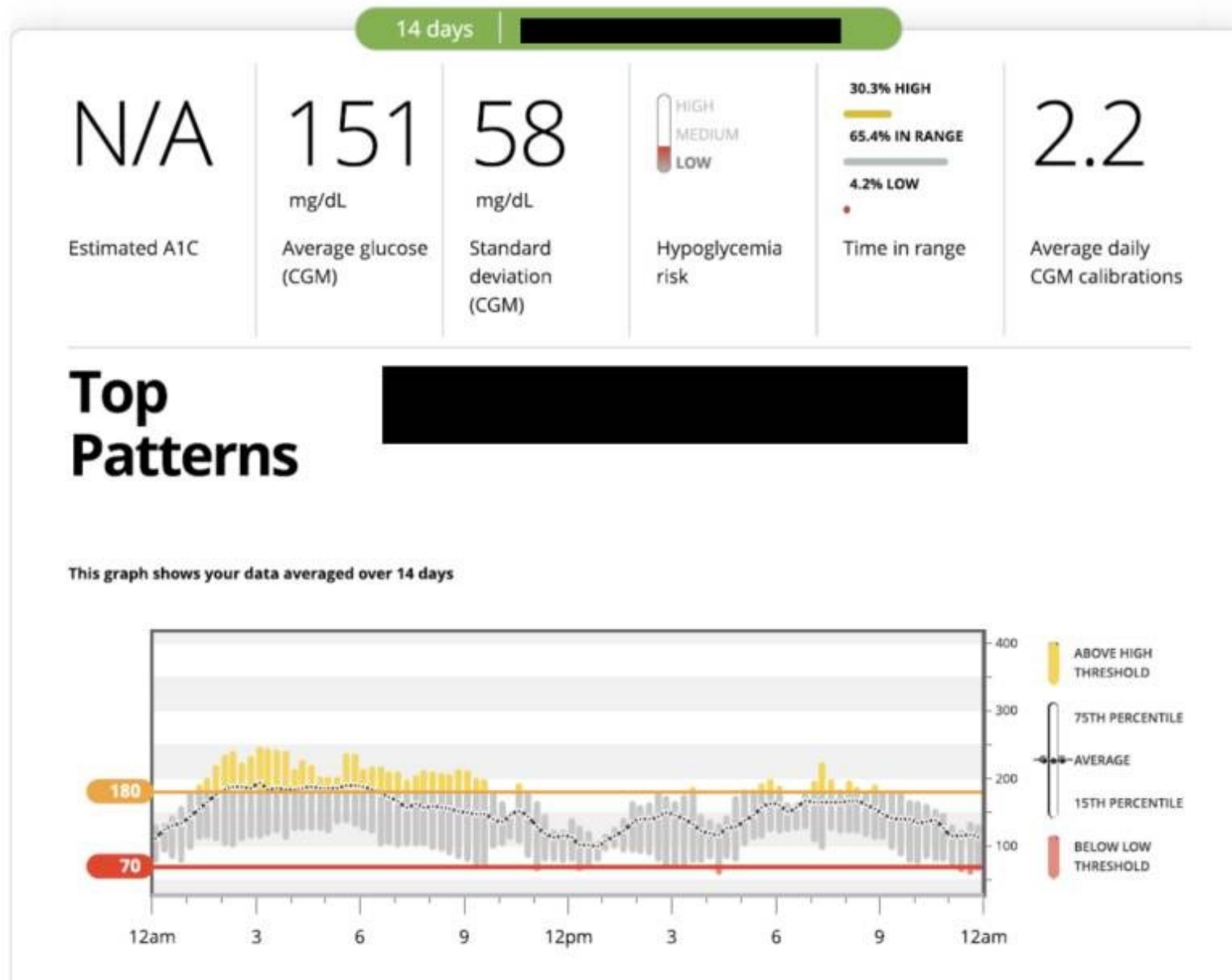
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Type 1 diabetes occurs when the pancreas produces little or none of the insulin needed to regulate blood glucose

They rely on external administration of insulin to manage their blood glucose levels.



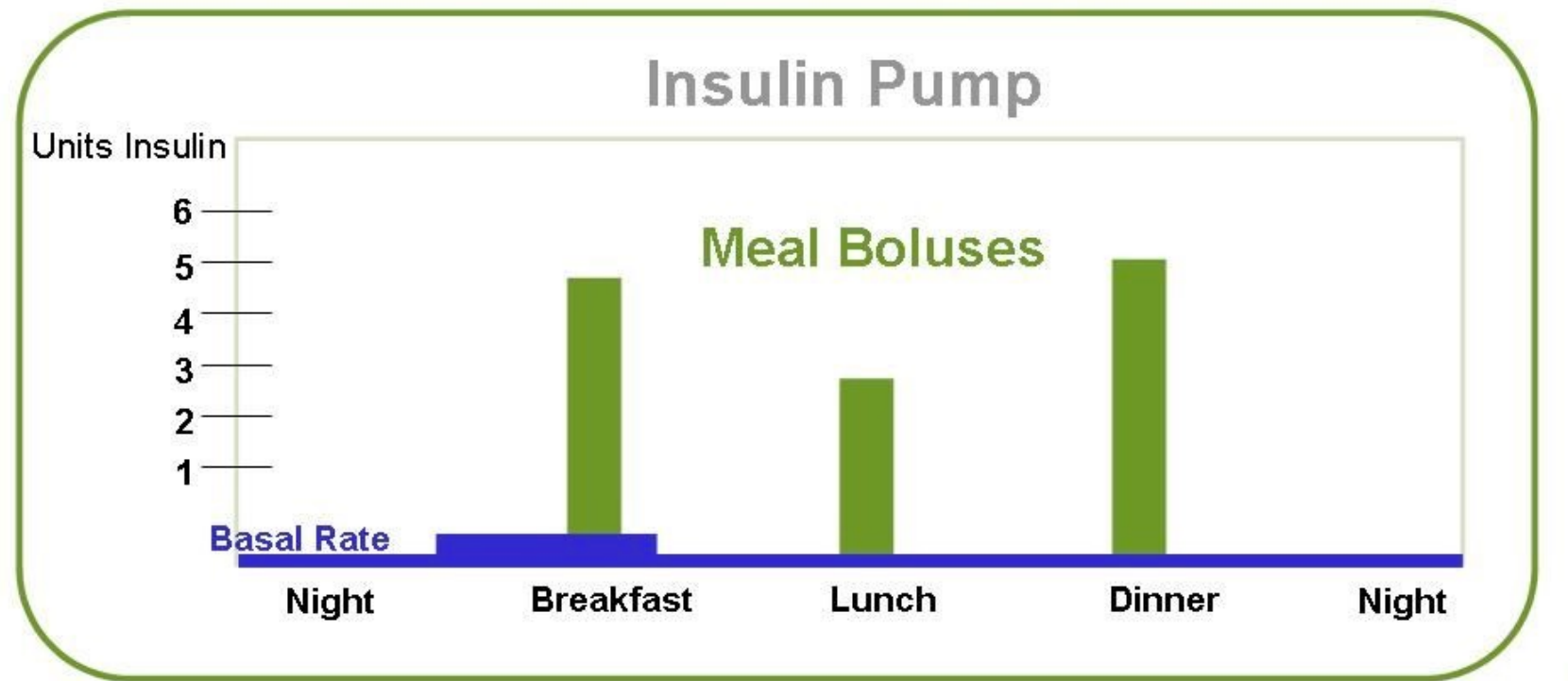
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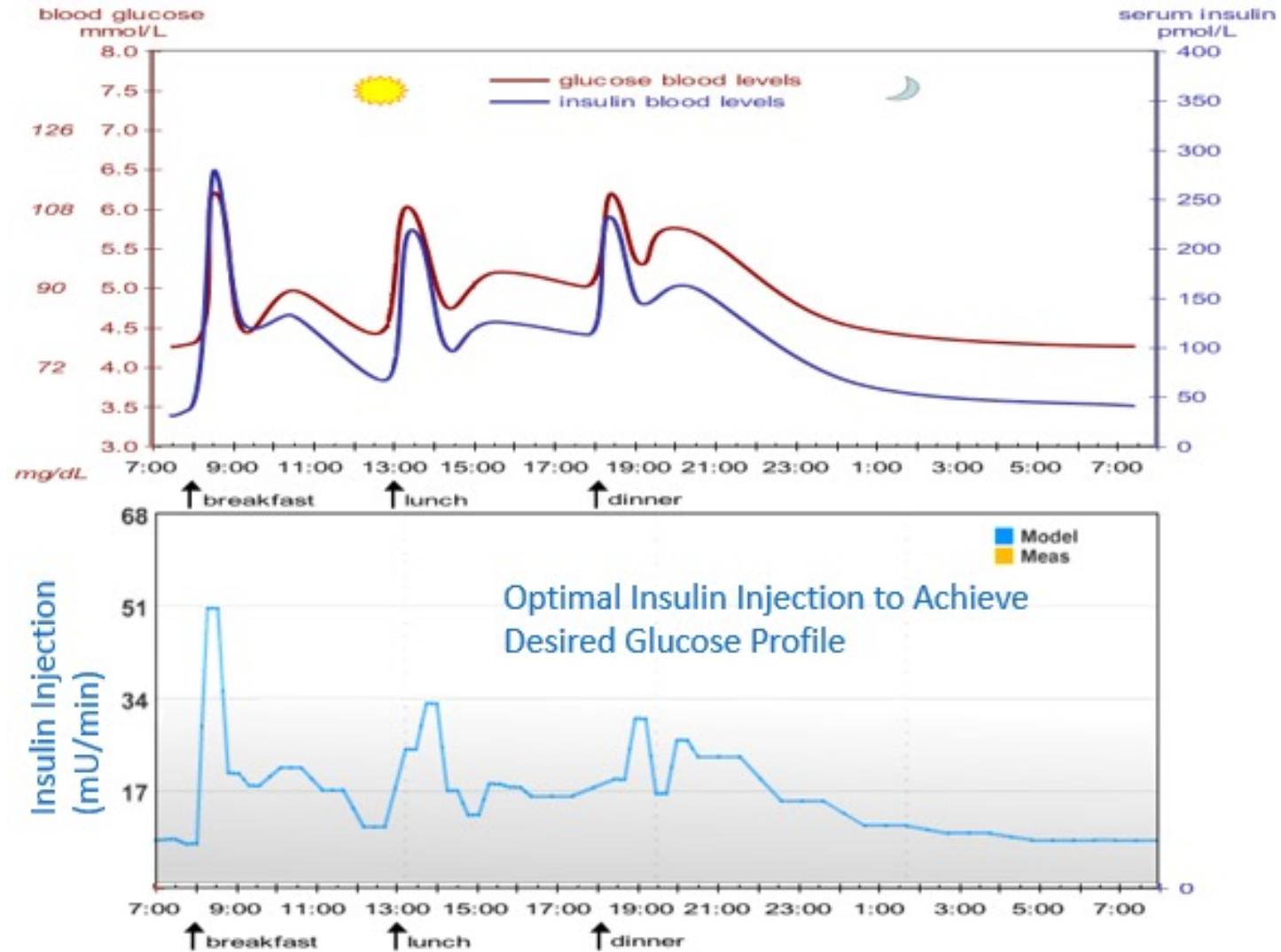


# Insulin pumps

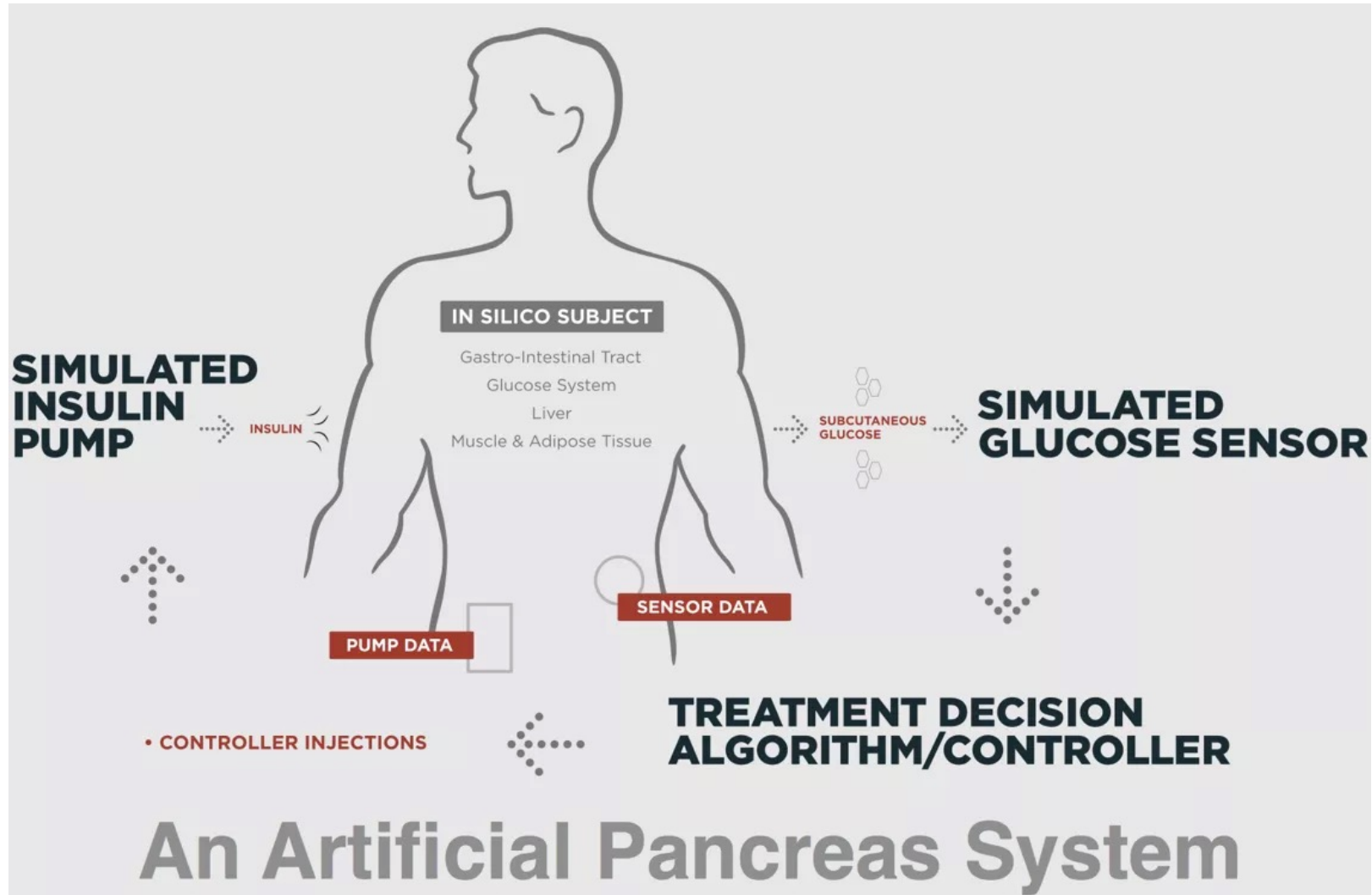
Carbohydrate counting matches your pre-meal bolus of insulin to the actual amount of food you plan to eat.



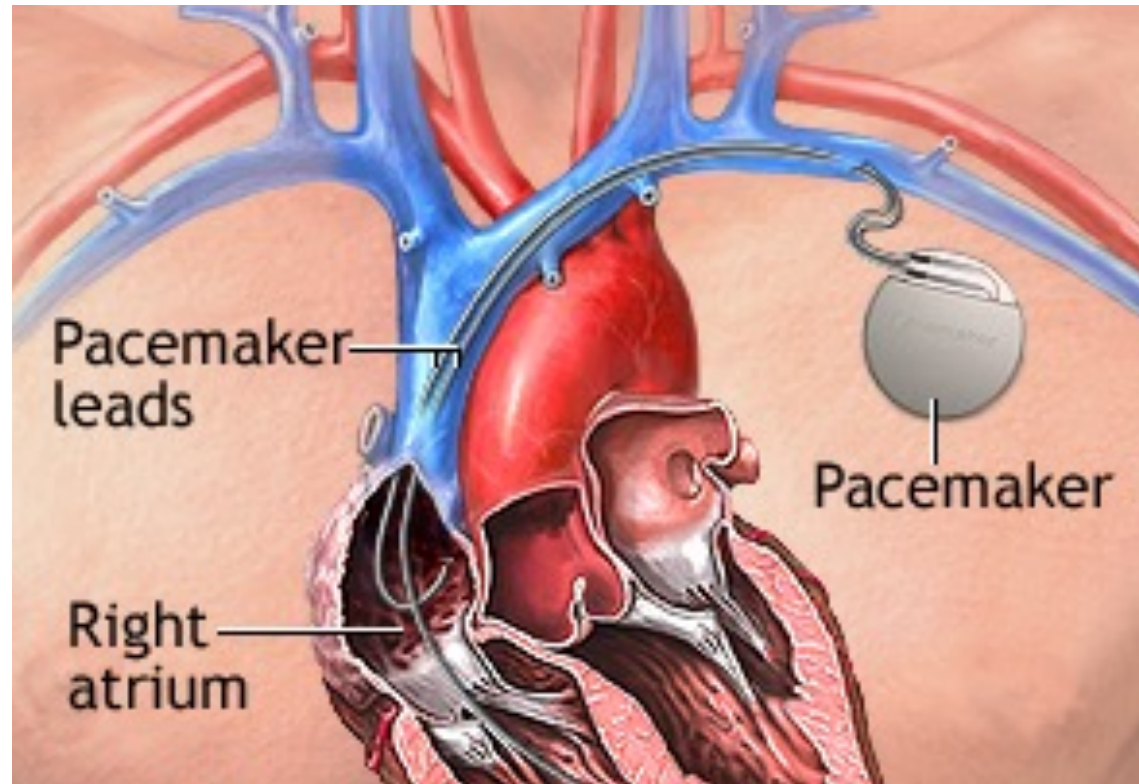
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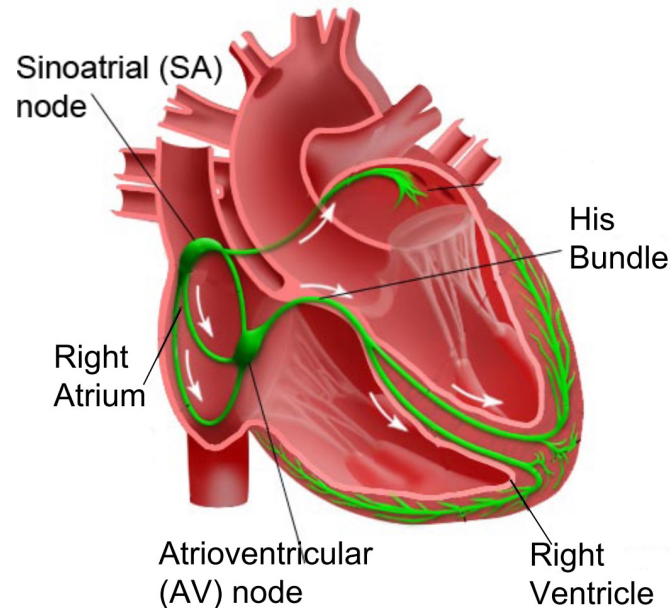


# PaceMaker



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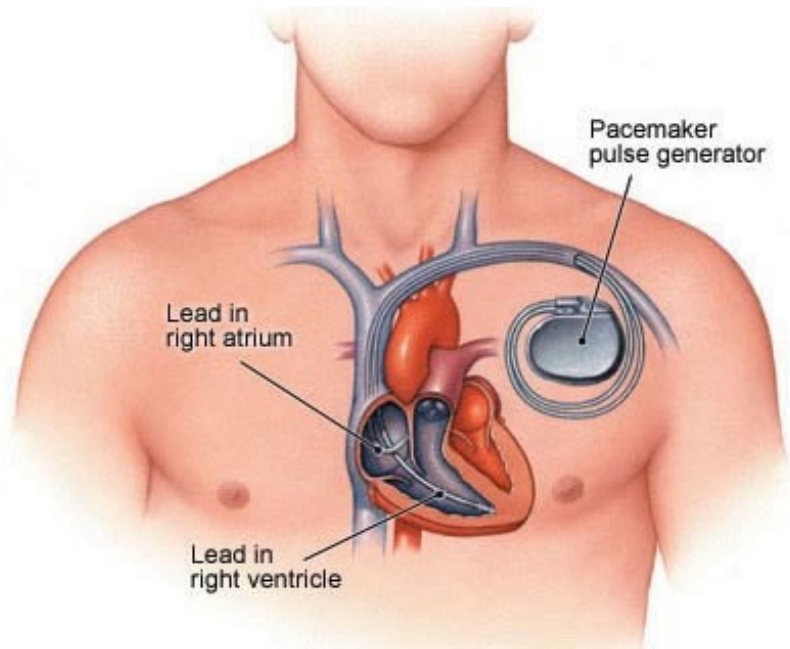
# How does a healthy heart work?



- SA node (controlled by nervous system) periodically generates an electric pulse
- This pulse causes both atria to contract pushing blood into the ventricles
- Conduction is delayed at the AV node allowing ventricles to fill
- Finally the His-Pukinje system spreads electric activation through ventricles causing them both to contract, pumping blood out of the heart

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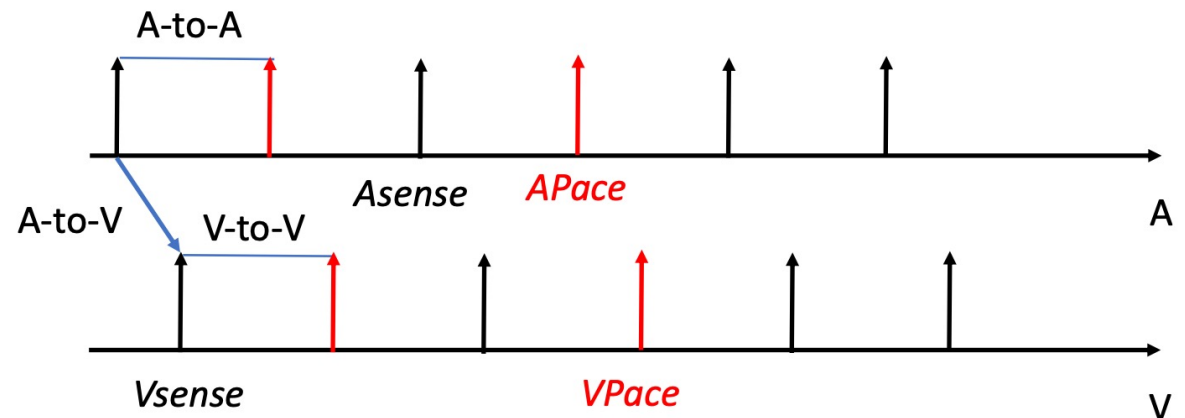
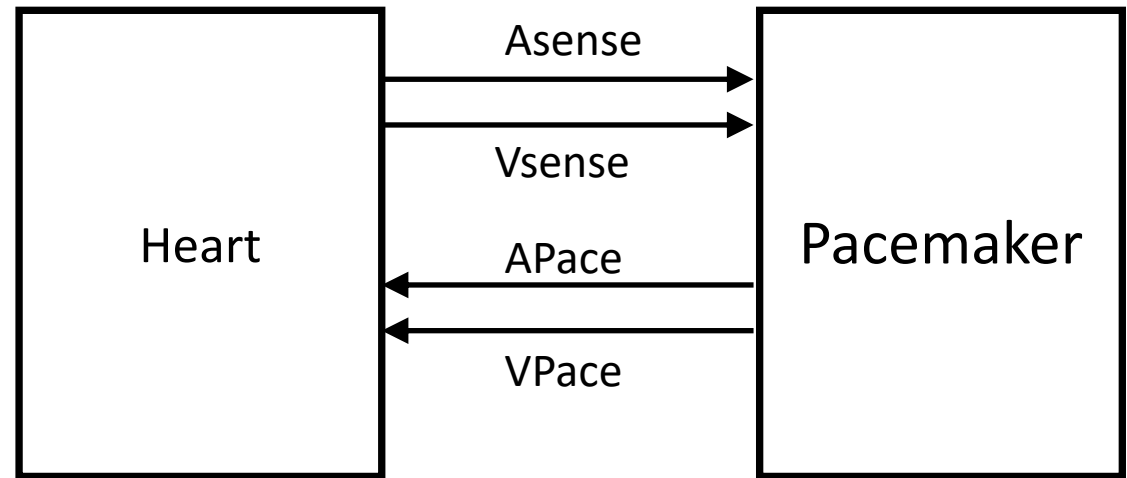
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- Aging and/or diseases cause conduction properties of heart tissue to change leading to changes in heart rhythm
- Tachycardia: faster than desirable heart rate impairing hemo-dynamics (blood flow dynamics)
- Bradycardia: slower heart rate leading to insufficient blood supply
- Pacemakers can be used to treat bradycardia by providing pulses when heart rate is low

# How dual-chamber pacemakers work

- Activation of local tissue sensed by the leads (giving rise to events Atrial Sense and Ventricular Sense)
- Atrial Pace or Ventricular Pace are delivered if no sensed events occur within deadlines



# Transportation CPS

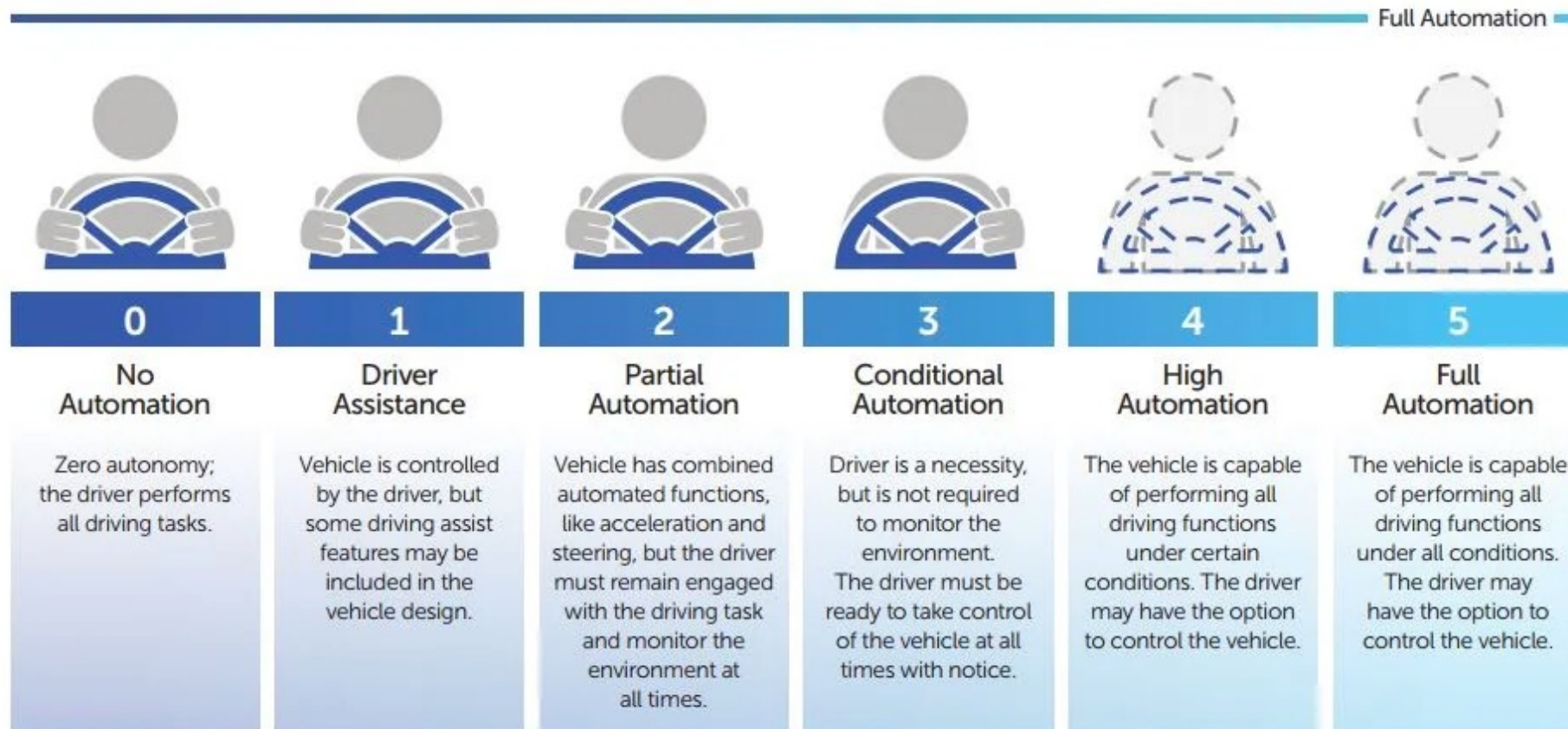
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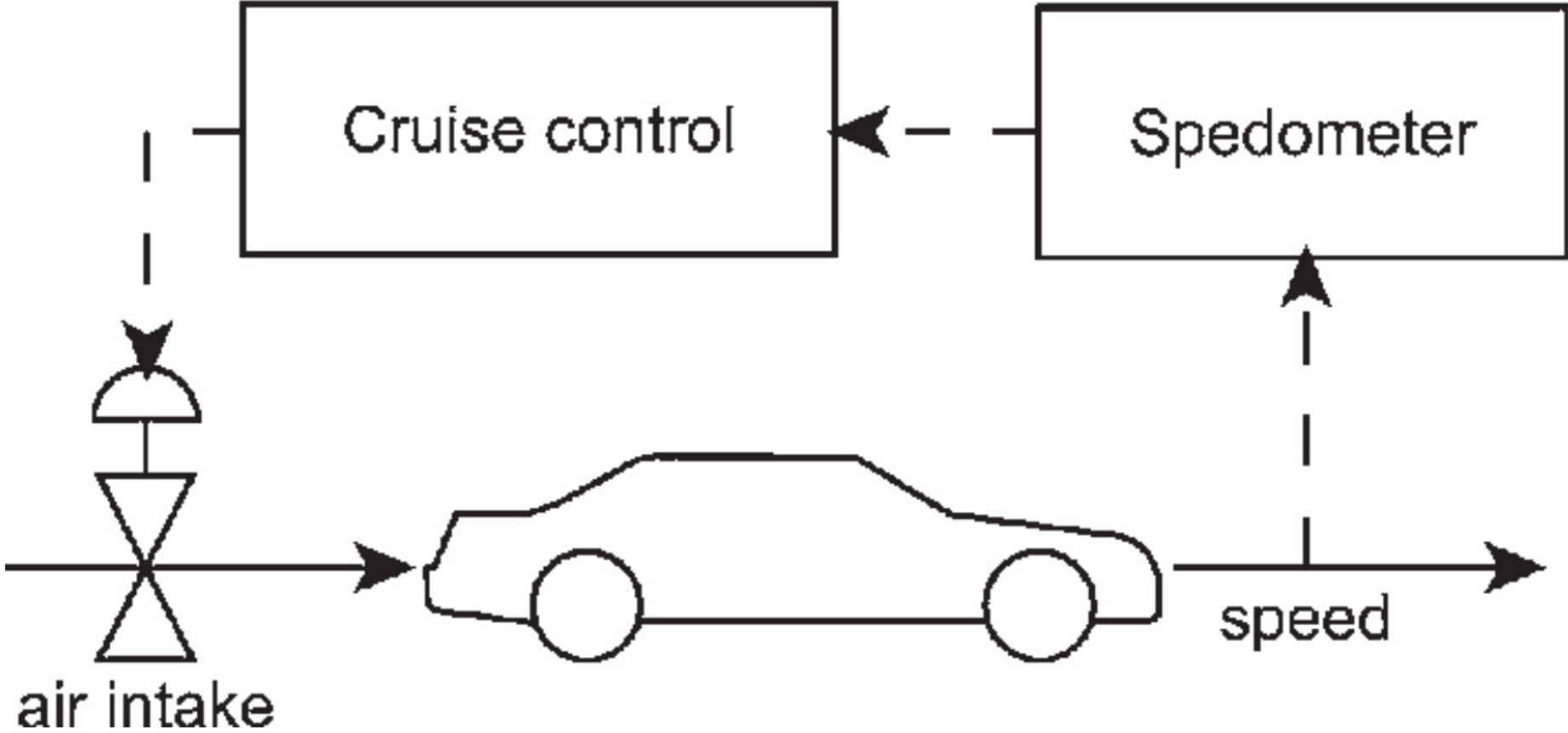


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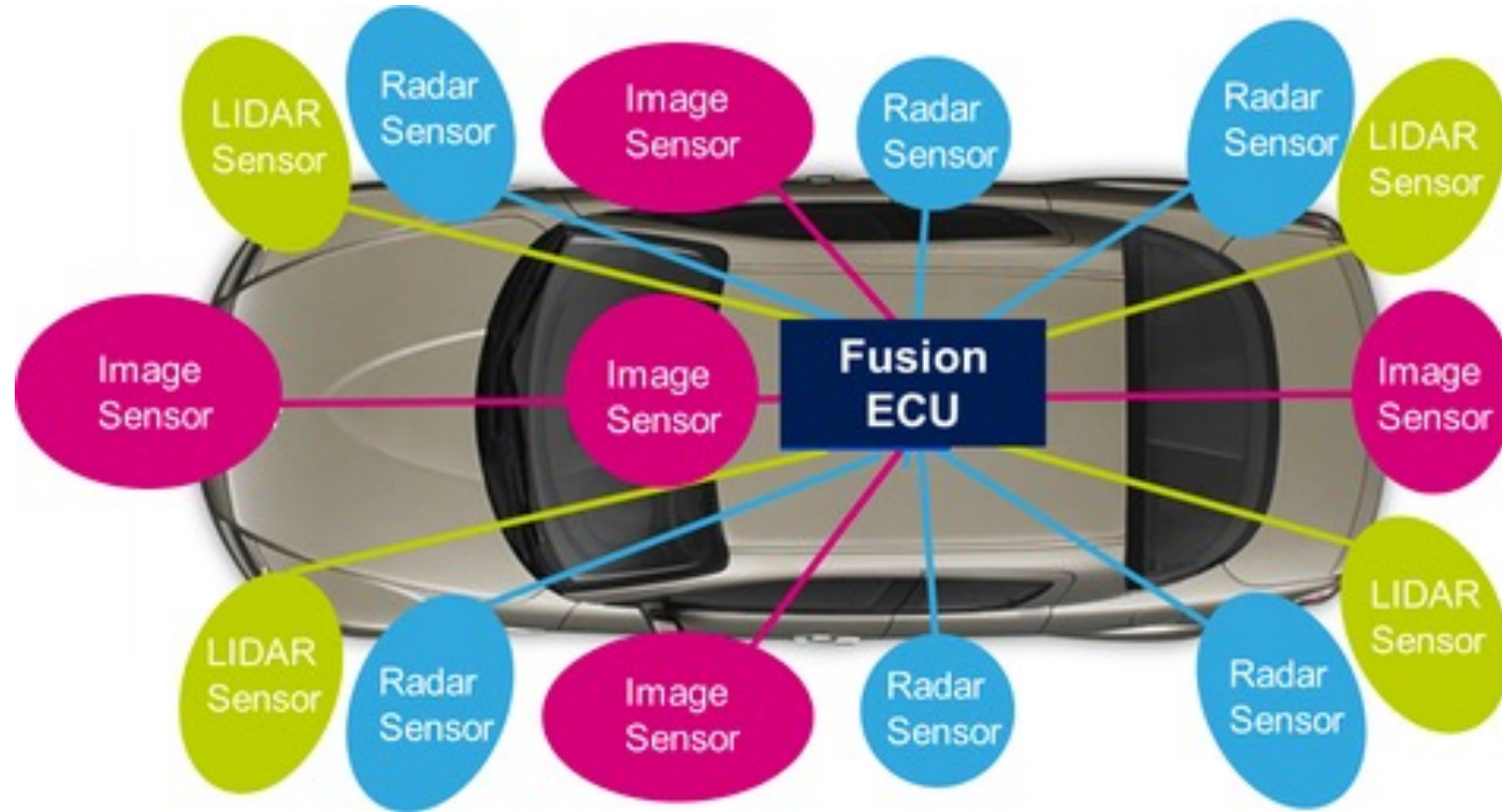
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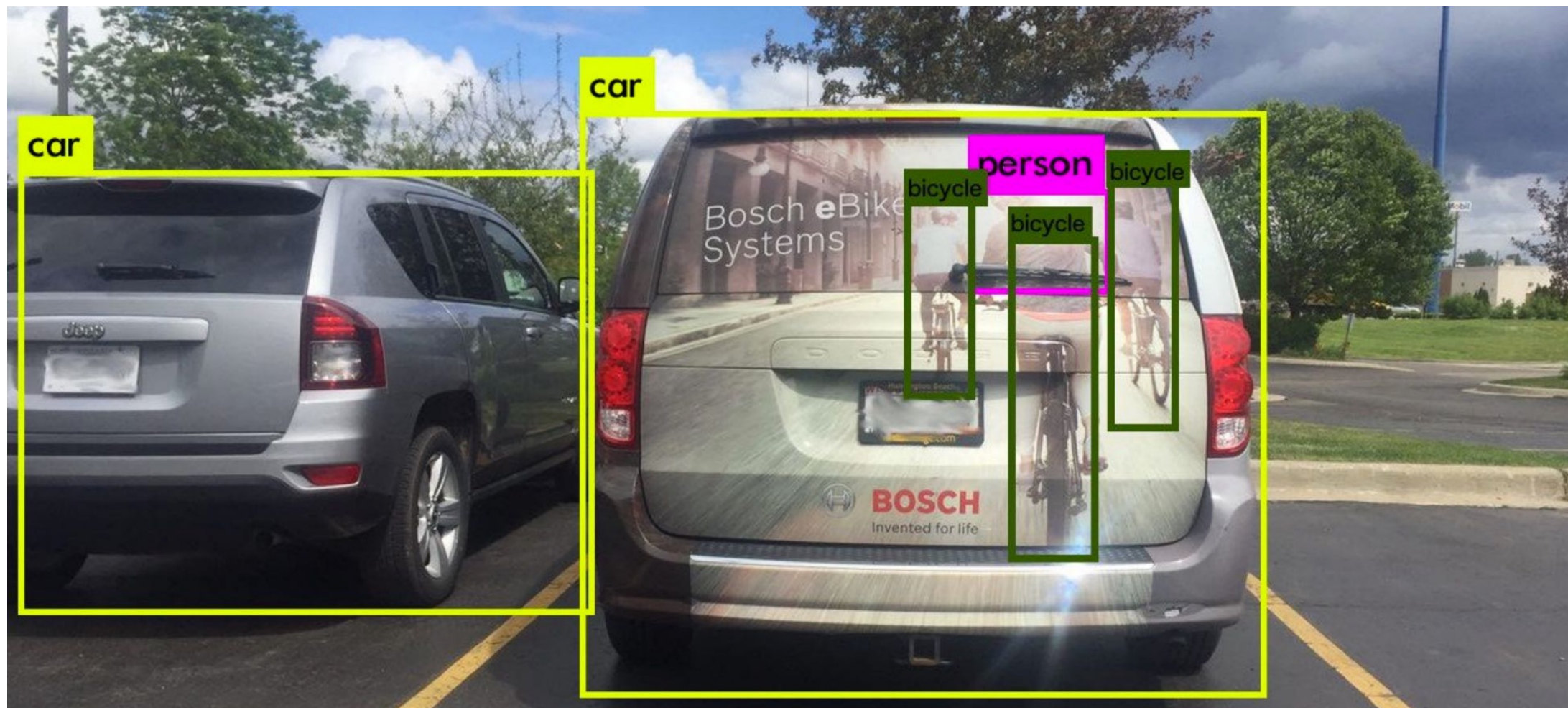
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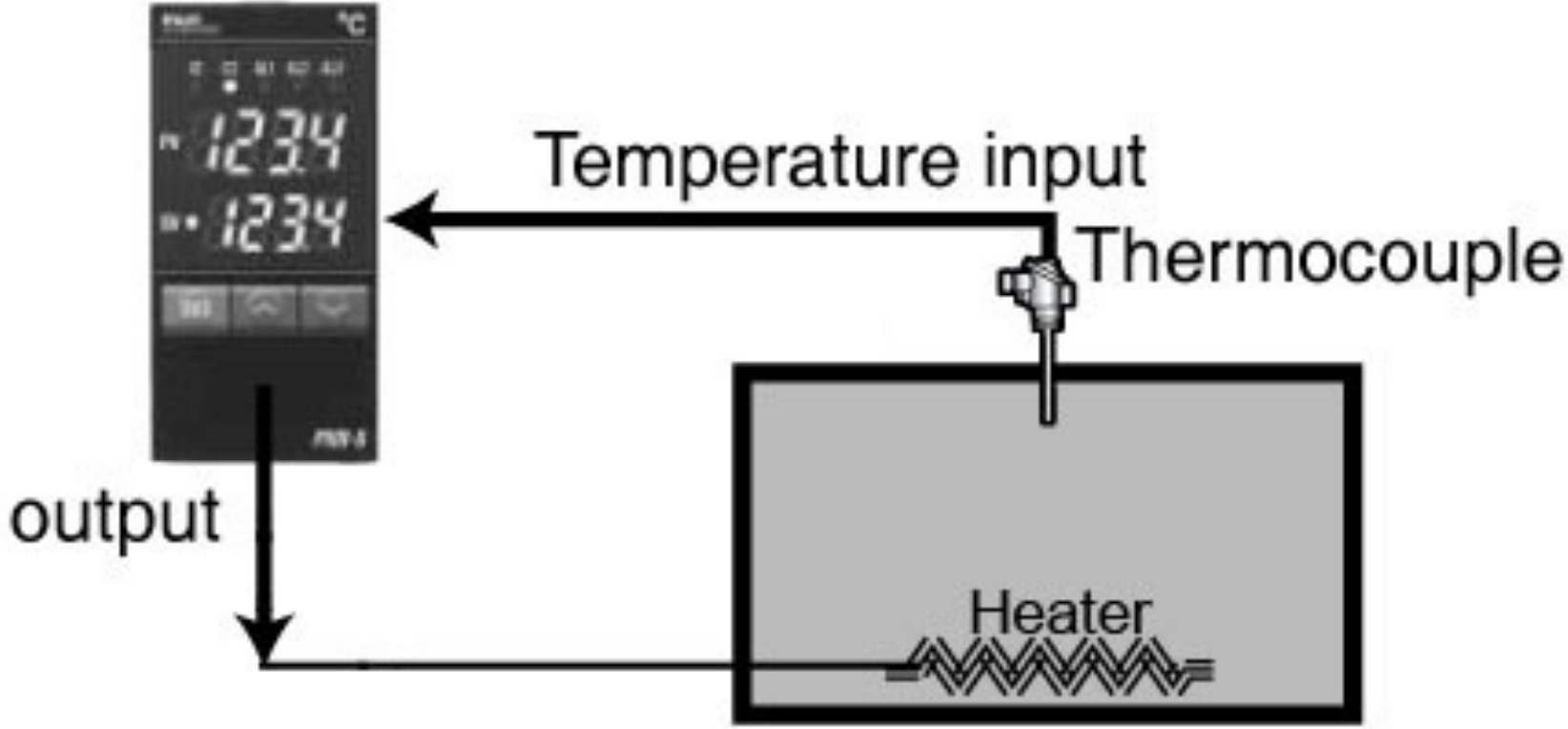
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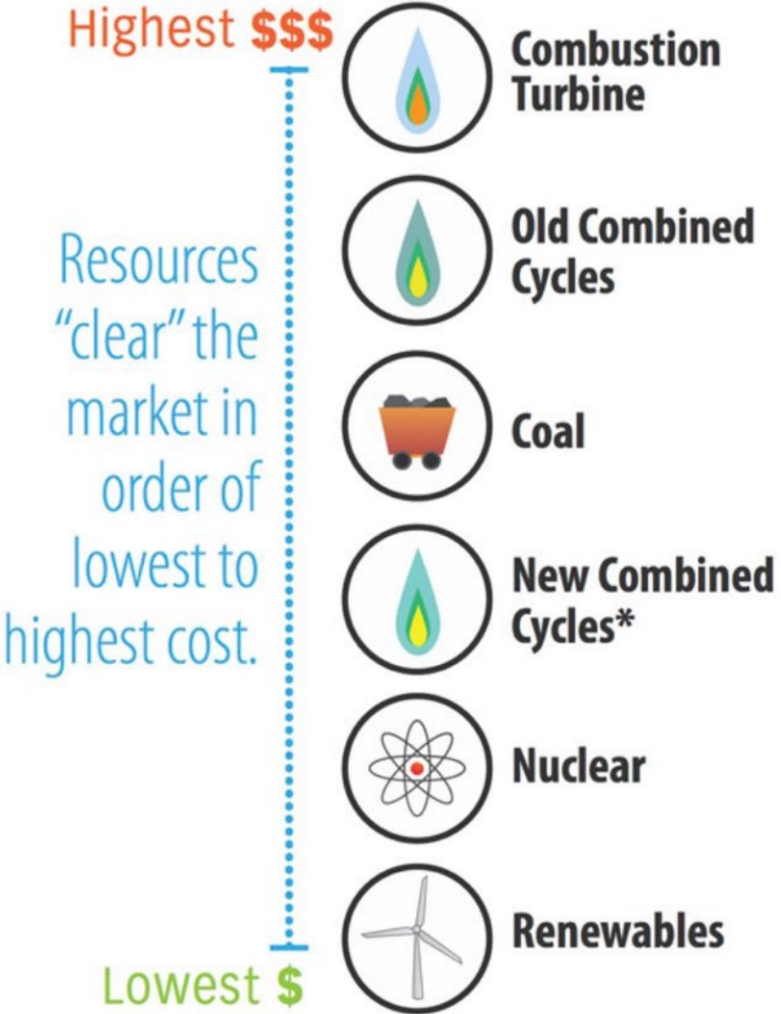
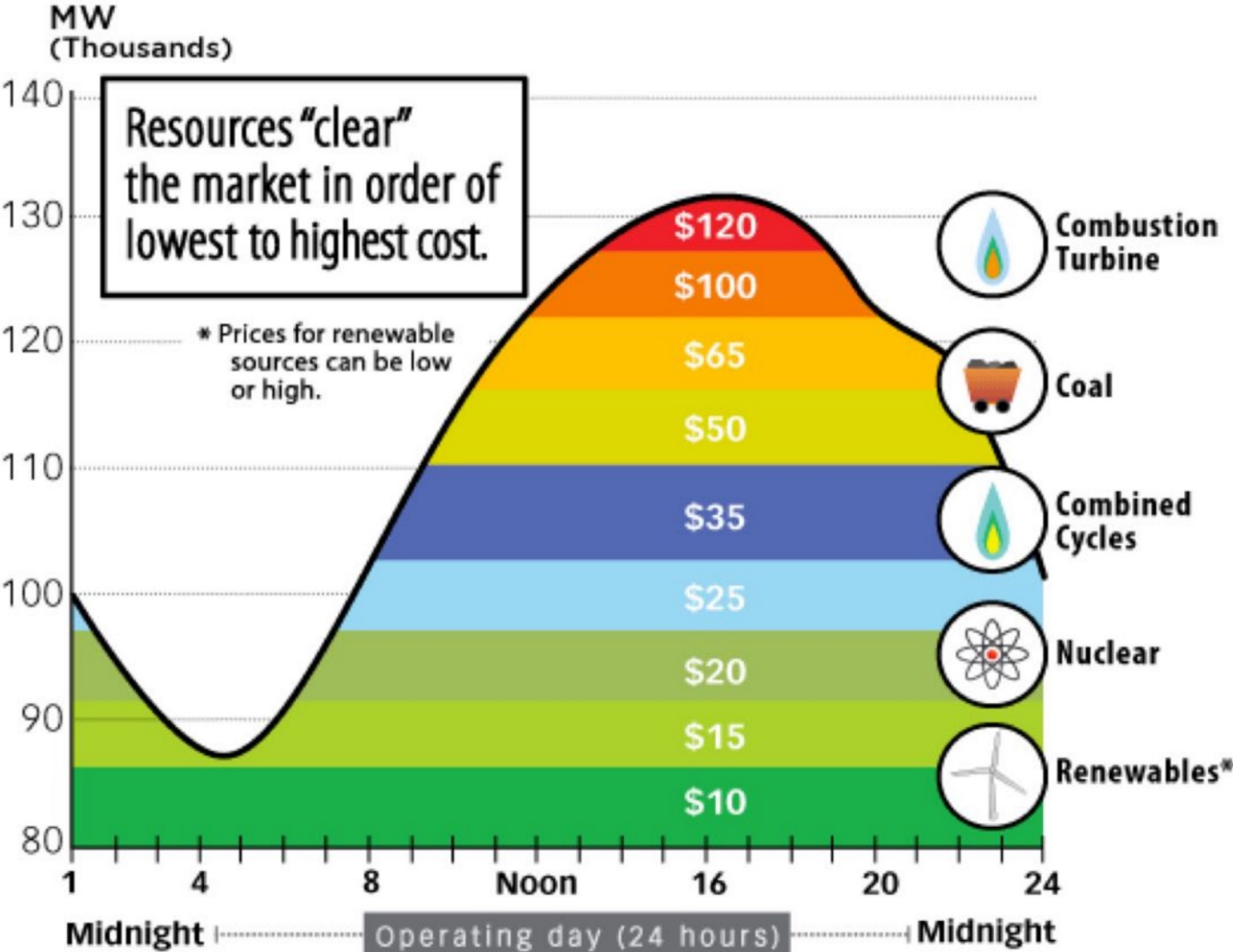
# Energy



# Temperature Control



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